Reply to Notice of Allowance of October 21, 2005

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable consideration and entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 are allowed. Claims 23-26, 28, and 30 are presently amended.

The claims are amended herewith to correct informalities. The informalities were uncovered in Applicants' post allowance review of the application and are being timely and diligently corrected. No new matter is involved and no new issues are believed to be raised.

In view of the prior indication of allowability, no further issues are outstanding, and entry of the present amendment is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested so that the patent which issues from this application includes the presently submitted changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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